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Haynes Spurns Local 369's Patriotic Offer

Labor-Hating Firm Refuses To Conciliate

Two-Hour Conference Fails to Reach Agreement

Labor-hating Haynes Milling Company, of Portland, continued its unfair policy this month by refusing to accept Local 369's patriotic offer to allow its striking members to go back to work pending adjustment of their differences.

A two-hour conference between officials of the Haynes Milling Company and its striking employees in the Superior court room at the Portland court house broke up with the company's defiant refusal to take back any of the employees who went on strike October 16th.

Patriotic Move

Attorney Fred Davis of Muncie, who with Malcolm V. Skinner of Portland acted as counsel for the labor group, said after the meeting that the conference had been asked for by the strikers, who felt, he asserted, that with the United States at war it was their patriotic duty to return to work in what is an essential defense industry and to release to agriculture production the farmers who replaced them in the mill after the strike.

Proposed 7-Day Week

"The men offered to go back to work without regard for hours and wages or other differences, which they were willing to leave to future adjustment, even until after the war," said Attorney Davis. Because President Roosevelt had requested it, they even proposed a seven-day week for themselves.

Flatly Rejected

"After the strikers' offer had been submitted, the company representatives went into conference in another room and returned a half hour later to announce that our proposals had been rejected—that the company would not take back any of the men who had walked out."

Fae Patrick Again

The company was represented by President E. M. Haynes, Clarence Peters, and Joseph Hanlin, and

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"Fight to Finish"



INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT DAVE BECK

Indiana Leaders Behind War Effort as U. S. Armed Forces Defend Territory in Pacific

Statements of Local Heads Reaffirm Teamsters' Policy of Loyalty to American Institutions

As American soldiers, sailors and marines moved bravely forward this month to protect and preserve our democracy, Indiana Teamster leaders pledged their full support to the nation's war effort. From all corners of the state came expressions of the Teamsters' determination to beat down and destroy fascism whenever and wherever it may be found.

"Fight for Freedom"—Hess

Pat Hess, secretary-treasurer of important Fort Wayne Truck Drivers' Local 414, and also president of the Teamsters' state conference, in a letter to THE INDIANA TEAMSTER, said: "We are in this war against barbarism to win. We are not fighting for conquest, material wealth or spoils, but for the real riches, which are democracy and freedom. As unionists we could have no possible alternative to fighting for our institutions. I am proud to state that Fort Wayne Teamsters will support America to victory."

"Go Limit for Victory"—Birdsong

Clyde Birdsong, president of Evansville Local 215, in a statement of loyalty, said: "There never was any question in my mind but that it would be America's job to preserve the decent things of life. I am proud to have a part in that great task. Japan, Italy and Germany are the gangster nations of the world, and they must go down in dismal defeat. The membership of my local has gone on record to

go the limit in helping our country win this war."

"Cannot Lose"—Biggs

Walter Biggs, president of Local No. 384, South Bend, in a telegram to THE INDIANA TEAMSTER, said: "South Bend Teamsters have pledged complete, unequivocal and undying support to the successful prosecution of this war against Hitlerism. It will not be a short or an easy task, but as free men defending that freedom, we must not, cannot lose."

"All Pull Together"—Williams

Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local 135, in a statement to THE INDIANA TEAMSTER, said: "We are all going to pull together to see this war through to a glorious victory for the forces of right. Indianapolis Teamsters are unanimously behind our country's fight to stamp out fascism for once and for all. Americans tried to avoid war, but the principles for which our forefathers fought and died at Valley Forge are at stake and we must defend them to the last."

Lake County 100 Per Cent Loyal

Michael Sawochka, secretary-treasurer of Gary Local 142, said that Lake County Teamsters are 100 per cent behind the nation's war effort. "We know we are fighting a battle for freedom and we cannot lose. We want to keep the America we have known, the America where there has been boundless opportunities for

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America Wants Complete Victory Declares Dave Beck in Interview

Dave Beck, of Seattle, International vice-president of the Teamsters' Union and the dynamic leader of the eleven western states, paid a flying visit to Indianapolis last week to confer with General President Daniel J. Tobin on wartime emergencies facing organized labor.

Tobin and Beck are in complete agreement on the necessity of pushing the war to a successful conclusion, no matter how long it takes and no matter how much it costs in men and money.

In fact, both have long warned members of the Teamsters' Union that war was coming and that America would have to fight to stop Hitler.

Predicted War

Beck showed his foresight in a speech before a big rally of defense

workers in San Diego on December 5.
"This nation will be in war within ten days," Beck warned.

Merry Christmas
The Indiana State Drivers' Conference and its official publication, The Indiana Teamster, wish all teamsters, their families and their friends everywhere, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

And two days later Japan struck like a snake in the grass. At the Indianapolis airport just prior to his departure, Beck made another prophecy. He said that Americans must watch for the first major move of the fifth column, which will be to urge peace on the pretext of saving the lives of American boys.

Hitler Must Be Defeated

"I have a boy myself," Beck said, "but I don't want him saved at the price of servitude for the American people. There can be no peace until Hitler is thoroughly and completely defeated."

"Any peace before then would be merely an armistice which would give Hitler and his allies time to catch their breath and organize for another attack. The word of Hitler

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"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"—Patrick Henry.

We Cannot Lose

Germany, Italy and Japan are now at war with the United States and it becomes every Teamsters' duty to leave no stone unturned that might help defeat these gangster nations. But Teamsters do not have to be reminded of that, for they have been fighting Hitlerism for a long time, not only at home on the fifth column front, but also by backing vigorously every move President Roosevelt made to thwart the axis.

Under the protection of the white flag of truce, Japan treacherously attacked American soil, killing over 3,000 soldiers and sailors in the very first blow. It was part of Germany's grand plan for stamping out the democracies.

By forcing Japan to attack the United States, Hitler thought he had pulled the string which would strangle America and American aid to the fighting democracies, aid which has been getting more effective with each passing hour.

Instead he caused the Japanese to begin the act of harikari for the entire bloody axis partnership, an act which American soldiers, sailors and marines will finish for them.

We cannot, must not, lose this struggle. American brains, brawn and bravery will be harnessed to assure the dismal defeat of fascism whenever and wherever it rears its ugly, repulsive head.

Americans realize they are fighting for the same principles that were fought for and won in 1776, and they will defend them again with the same valiant spirit. Knowing that they are fighting for the noblest ideals of mankind, American soldiers will battle bravely to the victorious end.

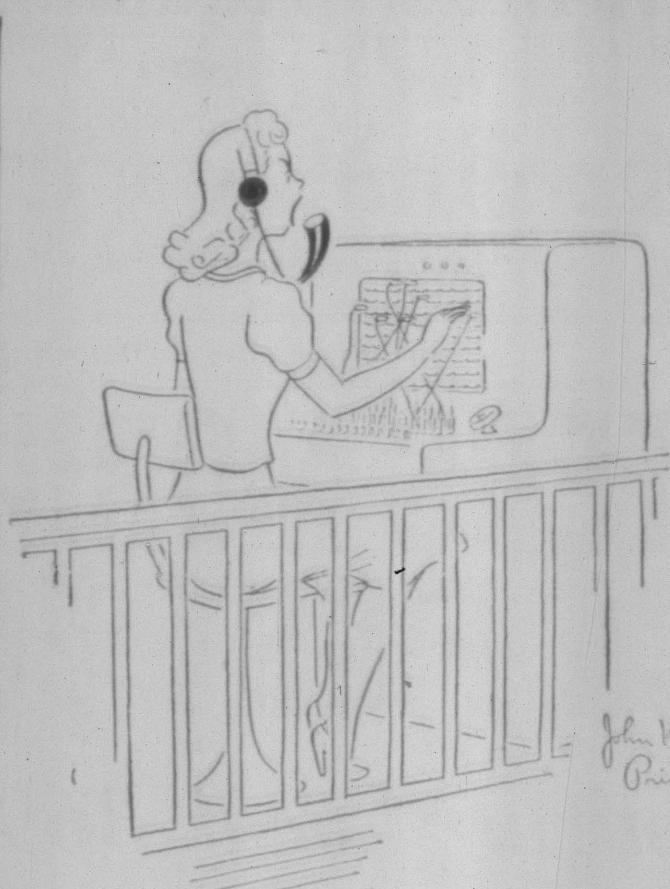
All that a victorious German, Japanese or Italian army could hope to return to is more regimentation and slavery. But American soldiers know they are defending the sweet and precious heritage of their land—freedom. They cannot fail with that at stake.

Characterizing the democratic principles for which America and Britain fight, Prime Minister Churchill said before the House of Commons: "Yesterday the light of democracy was but a flickering candle, today it is a raging flame, tomorrow it will be a strong, steady, glowing light of hope for all the peoples of the earth."

The Teamsters' Union constitutes an important segment of the American public which will continue to do its part towards establishing that "glowing light" of democracy.

Our arms will not be put aside until our liberty is once again secure, and until all peoples of the earth can again live peaceful, productive lives.

The Teamsters' Union is a militant, aggressive organization, ready and willing to meet any situation it may be called upon to face. But we take pride in the fact that we get along with the employer who gives us the faintest chance to do so. We do not at any time like strikes, and we abhor them when the defense of our nation is involved.—Arizona Teamster.



"Teamsters' Local 27. Who the hell do you want?"

—Courtesy New Yorker Magazine.

Congressman Schulte Praises Teamsters in Letter to Toth

William T. Schulte, Representative to Congress from the First District of Indiana, wrote recently to Steven Toth, secretary-treasurer of East Chicago Local 520, praising THE INDIANA TEAMSTER.

"Teamsters Progressive"—Schulte Said Congressman Schulte, "I always knew the Teamsters were one of the most progressive groups in the labor movement. Any time I can be of assistance to you or your group, please call on me."

Apparently Sincere

Mr. Toth pointed out that Mr. Schulte's sentiment was apparently sincere, for he was one of the five Indiana Congressmen who voted against the vicious Smith anti-labor bill when it was before the House of Representatives.

"It is gratifying to know we have a few friends in Washington, and that our own Congressman is one of them," said Toth.

Smith Anti-Labor Bill

The Smith anti-strike bill is misnamed; it should be called the Smith anti-labor bill, for it proposes to deal a crushing blow to organized labor.

At this writing, there seems to be little possibility that the Senate will pass the bill. However, the Teamsters' Union will not forget those Indiana Congressmen who voted for the bill when elections roll around again.

Congressman Louis Ludlow said, "They passed a bill that overrides Supreme Court decisions, nullifies constitutional guarantees and destroys fundamental rights." We agree.

The Representatives who voted against labor are: Charles A. Halleck, Forrest A. Harness, Gerald W. Landis, Earl Wilson and George W. Gillie.

A Way of Putting It

When an industrialist refuses to bid on defense work until assured of all the profit he wants, that's good business.

When a financier refuses credit to a new defense enterprise because he doesn't consider it a sound investment, he's protecting widows and orphans.

When a manufacturer closes down a plant because he can't operate it at the rate of profits he's used to making, after all, he's not in business for his health.

When a landlord keeps houses empty rather than rent them for what he considers too little, that's his privilege.

But when American working people withhold their labor until they can sell it for fair wages and under reasonable conditions, by golly, that's a strike, un-American and undemocratic. Throw the rats in jail.—Wisconsin Teamster.

The stern logic of events has finally brought the democratic nations of the world together in a common cause. We must now stand together, fight together and suffer together until tyranny and totalitarianism are overthrown. This achievement must be realized at any cost. Be assured the workers of America will stand with the workers of Great Britain and their allies immovable in their determination to carry on until all the Axis powers are definitely and completely defeated.—William Green.

Hoosier Locals Report

The Logansport membership which has heretofore belonged to Lafayette Local 543 was recently transferred to Kokomo Local 759. This move was made in order to give more protection to the Logansport members, as that city is much closer to Kokomo than Lafayette.

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Twelve employees of the Foster Freight Lines in Lafayette and Frankfort received back pay due them ranging from 16¢ to \$20.00 each this month. The company had decided it didn't want to pay time and one-half after the ninth hour in any one day as the contract calls for, but it is now believed they are ready to live up to the agreement as signed.

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S. E. Gallaher, who works for the Ingram Richardson Manufacturing Company in Frankfort, and Fay Layton, who works for the Earl Gilbert Trucking Company in Lafayette, were recently named as trustees to Local Union No. 543, Lafayette, according to G. H. Rabanus, secretary-treasurer of the local.

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E. O. Briner, secretary-treasurer of Crothersville Local 694, reports that the Morgan Packing Company, of Austin, Indiana, is still unfair. Remember that Scott County Canned Foods are unfair! This company has fought the Teamsters and all other labor unions for a great many years. In order to further confuse union officials, Morgan's trucks now bear the names of their drivers on the cab doors.

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George Acton and Frank Friel, Indianapolis Local 135 business agents, announced recently the signing of a closed shop contract with E. W. Laplante Co., house movers. Eight men received pay increases ranging from 30¢ to 65¢ an hour, making the minimum pay 75¢ an hour and the maximum \$1.15.

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Mike Angel, secretary-treasurer of Evansville Local 215, has been elected financial secretary of the Evansville Central Labor Union for 1942.

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Central Truckaway, of Indianapolis, has signed a new contract calling for pay raises ranging from 14 per cent to 16 per cent, according to George Acton, Local 135 business agent.

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Kokomo Local 759 has signed a closed shop contract with the Newell Beverage Company, of Kokomo. Local 759 has also just finished negotiating a contract with the Lepert Bus Company, of Peru, calling for 13½ per cent increase in wages for the drivers.

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Negotiations on the City Freight Contract at Kokomo are stalled pending the outcome of the Over-the-road mediation hearings, according to O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Local 759.

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Kokomo Local 759 announced that negotiations are now in progress with the coal dealers.

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Glyde Birdsong, president of Evansville Local 215, reports that everything is quite peaceful in the Garden Spot of the World, as he affectionately refers to that Ohio River city. Evansville produce men recently got a 10 per cent pay raise as a result of Mr. Birdsong's activities.

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Lucille Latz, Local 135's genial and efficient office girl, has been ill for over two weeks. The boys miss her and hope that she will be back at her desk soon.

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"V" stands for victory, which cannot be won without "U".

"U" stands for unity, which cannot be obtained without Unions. Unions will not exist unless you buy Union Label goods.

Lafayette Lumber Dealers Defy Teamsters!

Marion Labor Rally Protests Producers' Stand

Fritz, Sweeney Speak; 2,000 People Attend

MARION.—A huge demonstration against the unfair labor practices of Marion Producers' Creamery was held here November 29th, with Adolph J. Fritz, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, as the principal speaker. Inside dairy workers and truck drivers for Producers', members of Muncie Local 369, have been on strike for higher wages and union recognition since the latter part of September when the employer refused to negotiate a settlement.

Parade 17 Blocks Long

More than 2,000 Marion citizens, strike sympathizers, marched in a protest parade 17 blocks long. All American Federation of Labor affiliates were represented in the parade, and all marched on foot. The procession paraded about the downtown section ending up at the City Hall Auditorium where the mass meeting was held.

Other speakers were Stanton Sweeney, Indiana AFL organizer; Russell Jenkins and Frank Oberg of Milk Wagon Drivers 835, Gary; Pat Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Local 369, and Gerald Frowbridge, also of Local 369.

Meeting Was Success

"The mass meeting and parade was a tremendous success. We could have had more union workers there but in the interests of national defense, I told them to stay on their jobs. The meeting showed how sentiment is in Marion, for a cross section of the city's population showed up. It looks like Producers' are going to hang on to their bitter end. However, we have not lost hope for a satisfactory settlement of our differences," said Mr. Mahoney.

Unfair List

The following brands of butter and condensed milk products are made by Producers': Royal Scarlet, Premier, Hood, Red & White, Valley Lea, Lovering Farms, Brimful, Crescent, Cresta, Bestoval, Knight-hood, Countryside, Snowball, Shady Nook and Royal Star. Union men should remember that these products are made under unfair labor conditions and should refrain from buying them until the strike is settled.

Morgan Still Unfair

Trucks plying the highways under the following names belong to the Morgan Packing Company and are carrying their wares:

Scottsburg Canning Company, Scottsburg, Indiana.
Brownstown Canning Company, Brownstown, Indiana.
Columbus Canning Company, Columbus, Indiana.
Edinburg Canning Company, Edinburg, Indiana.
Franklin Food Products Company, Franklin, Indiana.
Star Canning Company, Austin, Indiana.
King Karlo Dog Food, Austin, Indiana.
Safety Is Free (map of Indiana on truck).
Scott County Canned Foods, Austin, Indiana.
Little York Canning Company, Little York, Indiana.
Leota Canning Company, Leota, Indiana.
Naomi Canning Company, Edinburg, Indiana.
Van Camp & Stratton Company, Indianapolis, Indiana
(Morgan's brokers).
Van Camp & Stratton Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
The Rego Company, Rego, Indiana.
The South Boston Company.
The Marshfield Company, Marshfield, Indiana.
Ox Valley Company, Ox Valley, Indiana.
Chestnut Ridge Company, Galena, Indiana.
The Finley Company.
Oaklandon Packing Company.
Ganus Produce Company, Brownhill, Indiana.

Indianapolis Teamster Wins National Truck Roadeo at N. Y.



CHARLIE GOINS

Indianapolis Teamsters have good reason to be proud these days, for one of their brothers won first place in the straight truck class at the American Trucking Association's annual "Roadeo" held in Madison Square Garden last month. The champion's name is Charles Goins and his local is No. 135.

Not Easy to Win

Clean-cut, intelligent Mr. Goins competed against ace drivers from every state in the Union. In order to win he not only had to put his truck through the most difficult paces, but also had to answer many complex questions concerning safety rules and regulations. Contest judges declared that Mr. Goins had put forth a brilliant performance.

Winnings to Educate Children

In addition to the plaudits of his employers, the admiration of his fellow drivers and other honors, Mr. Goins received several sizable cash prizes which he has wisely put aside for the education of his three young children.

Commending Teamster Goins for his fine showing, Emmett J.

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. SIGNS WITH LOCAL 716

INDIANAPOLIS.—Signing of a closed shop agreement with the General Electric Supply House in Indianapolis has been announced by Albert Tyree, secretary-treasurer of Local 716.

Twelve men are affected by the contract which calls for seniority rules, two weeks' vacation with pay and other union working conditions. The men received pay raises of \$10.00 per week.

"I am glad to state that the negotiations were entirely peaceful, and we anticipate friendly relations with this company," said Mr. Tyree. "The members are pleased with the outcome of the negotiations."

Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local 135, said:

"We are justly proud of Charlie, for he has not only brought honor to himself, but also to our Local Union, of which he has long been a loyal member. In these days when many are waiting for the slightest excuse to snipe at us, it is refreshing and heartening to have one of our members receive national recognition. In addition to being the best-paid drivers, Goins has proved that Teamsters are also the safest drivers. It is no mere coincidence that a Teamster won this contest; the working conditions we have fought so long and so hard to achieve are naturally conducive to safe and sensible driving."

In the hundreds of thousands of miles he has driven during his ten years as a commercial driver, Goins has not cost his employers one cent in damages. He has been as valuable and loyal and dependable an employee as any employer could wish for; and he has been as fine and outstanding a union member as the best. His record stands as proof that the best union man is also the best and most productive employee.

Sets Fine Example

As national champion safe straight truck driver, Mr. Goins has set a brilliant example for others to follow. His employers, Trucking Incorporated, of Indianapolis, are fortunate to have his services.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

Label for Trucks 'Defense Haulers'

DETROIT, Mich.—To match the olive drab that distinguishes the thousands of motor trucks serving the modern streamlined divisions of the U. S. Army, a distinguishing insignia has now been made available for the other thousands of trucks in civilian use that have the equally important role of serving the nation by hauling the ever-increasing volume of defense materials.

In the form of a shield in a bright, patriotic red, white and blue color combination, this new placard, being furnished by Dodge dealers throughout the country for use on motor trucks in defense work everywhere, proclaims in large letters that "This Truck Hauls Defense Materials."

Chief purpose of the placards is to impress upon the public generally the important role played by motor trucks in defense preparation and the extent to which the nation depends today upon this vital arm of transportation.

The Beefer

There's one in every local,
You know the type we mean,
The guy who's always beefin'
But to a meeting has never been.

He's always causing trouble
And has a lot to say,
But it's never at a meeting;
From them he stays away.

He puts the union on the pan,
It never does what's right;
But when we hold a meeting
This bird is not in sight.

He's forever spreading rumors,
With him we must contend,
But when we hold a meeting
We think he should attend.

We admit his right to talk
Is only just and fair,
But the place is at the meeting,
So we urge him to be there.

Army Trucks Now Drab as Uniforms

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It's farewell to the shiny Army truck. In fact, it's all right even to allow some dust to stay on the surface. Old Army chauffeurs who spent hours brightening up paint until it glistened may think there's just a laxing of work, but the new system was developed for better camouflage.

Lustreless paint now used on Army vehicles makes it difficult to see a truck from the air or from distances on land. Trucks no longer carry white stencil numbers because these can be photographed from the air. Blue drab stencil enamel, now used, will not show on air films. And the numbers are illegible to the normal eye at distances exceeding 75 feet.

Under the system developed by the Quartermaster Corps, relatively rough olive drab paint is used on truck bodies and a minimum of light is reflected from its surface. It has been found that a certain amount of dust increases the camouflage value of the paint.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

CLINTON LOCAL NO. 73 ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Gilbert Martin was elected president of Clinton Local Union No. 73, December 10.

Other officers elected were: Lester Cunningham, vice-president; Edward Dirker, recording secretary; Elmer Nolan, business agent and secretary-treasurer; Daniel Carpenter, trustee; Ray W. Smith, trustee, and Charles Brown, trustee.

Poor Lumber Co. Worst Offender Of Entire Group

Only Fair Lumber Co. Is Henry Kessner's

The Lafayette Lumber Dealers' Association, headed by Henry Poor, continued its unfair union practices this month by still refusing to negotiate with Teamsters' Local 543, according to Glen H. Rabanus, secretary-treasurer of the local.

Kessner Lumber Is Fair

The Henry J. Kessner Lumber Company is the only yard now under contract with Local 543. There have been pickets on the other yards for some time, but through the efforts of labor enemy Henry Poor, the others have refused to meet with the union.

Needless to say, poor Mr. Poor is also the leader of the Henry Poor Lumber Company, which is the worst offender of all the unfair companies.

Freight Men Won't Handle Goods

"Freight men are refusing to handle the freight for these companies, but if for some reason a picket is taken off for a couple of hours, 'Poor Henry' starts calling the freight companies to tell them there is no picket in front of his place, and that if they have any freight for him to bring it right down before the union puts a picket back on. 'Poor Henry' does not want to deal with the union, or give his men union working conditions and pay, but wants union drivers to haul the material into the yards," said Rabanus.

Buy From Kessner

Mr. Rabanus also added that his Local intended to keep up the fight until fair working conditions were obtained for all lumber drivers and helpers. He also said that union men should not forget the one union lumber yard when buying building supplies.

AFL IS AMERICAN!

ANY COMERS?

Warren Miller and "Red" Stokes, champion Local 135 bowlers, would like to compete with other locals throughout the state. So come on, you challengers!

Is Lindbergh Sincere?

By LESTER M. HUNT

It took Charles Augustus (Caesar) Lindbergh 48 hours after American soldiers and sailors had been killed by Japanese bombs to decide whether or not he was first an American or still an "America First."

Then, with American blood still wet on the sands of Hawaii, he issued a churlish statement to the effect that he supposed we would have to do something since we had been attacked.

Lindbergh, incidentally, has burned up thousands of dollars in radio time assuring this country we would never be attacked. He also said Russia wouldn't fight.

But Russia is fighting far better than Lindbergh ever will. Lindbergh resigned his army commission when war threatened. His American uniform didn't match his German medals. So he junked the uniform.

Other men in that uniform are now dying to remedy the damage done by Lindbergh.

It is well to watch, and remember, what Lindbergh has done and said. We have a suspicion that before this war has gone very far, Lindbergh will break loose again with some more phoney advice that will cost more American lives or jeopardize American liberty.

He has demonstrated that he can say, "Heil."

We wonder if he can say "Banzai," too.

Terre Haute Local Boasts Many Men In Armed Forces

Terre Haute Local 144 is proud of the fact that many of its members are now serving in the nation's armed forces, according to John O. Harkness, secretary-treasurer of the local.

Honor Roll

Serving in the Army are: J. R. Bryant, James Hurst, Manford Burns, John Edgerton, Fay Fouts, Carl Hamblin, Ernest Johnson, Clyde McCullough, R. Sheppard, John Smith, Fred Sutherland, John Stanley and Charles Williams. In the Navy is Paul Baas; in air cadet training is Charles Harlan.

"We are proud of these men. As long as Uncle Sam gets men of their calibre the future of democracy is assured," said Harkness.

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVE TOTH

The officers and members of Local Union No. 520 wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the officers and members of all the Locals in the state of Indiana.

Brother J. E. Turner, of the Michigan Motor Freight Lines, has been released from the hospital where he spent the last two weeks having a pesky hernia taken care of. It's good to see you around again, Ed.

Brothers John Mehich and Frank Szemczak, of the Calumet Iron and Supply, are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a quick recovery, boys.

Truck Driver: Let's you and I take a walk in the park?

Waitress: No, I'm afraid you will.

Truck Driver: No, I won't.

Waitress: Well then, what's the use.

I wonder if Frank Potesak, of Lake Cities Concrete, will get us boys of Local 520 reduced rates when we go to buy our license plates this year? You know his girl friend works at the license bureau in Indiana Harbor.

Have you heard the one that Joe Wagner, of Justak & Sons, pulled? He chased an army truck five miles trying to find out which trucking company had trucks with caterpillar wheels on the rear end and made their drivers wear such pretty uniforms. Don't chase those dark green trucks, Joe, unless you see a bunch of Japs in them.

BUT DEFENSE STAMPS

Local Union 759 Elects '42 Officers

At a recent membership meeting of Local 759, Kokomo, Lee Lantz was elected president for the coming year.

Others Elected

Other officers elected at this meeting were: Ivan Frazer, vice-president; O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer; Omer Fenimore, recording secretary; Russell Arthur, three-year trustee; Albert Helmuth, two-year trustee; Lloyd Nunnell, one-year trustee, and John Herman, warden.

Labor and Trades Councils Delegates

Delegates were appointed to the three Trades and Labor Councils as follows: Lee Lantz and Omer Fenimore, Peru Trades and Labor Council; O. B. Chambers, Ivan Frazer and Charles Streavel, Kokomo Trades and Labor Council; O. B. Chambers, Lee Lantz and Albert Helmuth, Logansport Trades and Labor Council; Lee Lantz, Simon Jones and O. B. Chambers, Kokomo Building Trades Council.

Haynes Spurns Patriotic Move

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Attorney Fae Patrick of Indianapolis. Appearing for the Union, Glen Barzer, Francis Beck, Lew James and L. Bryan, strikers; Daniel Evans, A. F. of L. organizer; James Striker, Pat Mahoney and Attorney Davis.

Haynes Consistent

Commenting on Haynes' unfair attitude, Pat Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local 869, said: "This action is consistent with Haynes' stand in the past. If we assumed a stand like Haynes has, we would be accused of un-American activity. At least we can not be accused of acting in bad faith."

Labor Division Inert

"We cannot seem to get any action from the Labor Division, even though we have filed charges against both Producers' and Haynes. Seems rather strange—the silence in a case where there are such evident injustices. We have talked with Mr. Watson and Mr. Clark several times but cannot get any action."

BUT DEFENSE STAMPS

"No Armistice With Hitler"—Beck

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is worthless, and so is that of Japan. We can have no dealings with them.

Want Victory, Not Armistice

"We must tighten our belts and fight this thing through. And only when they are thoroughly and completely licked, can there be any talk of peace. We want no armistice at the end of this war. We want victory, final, complete and unassailable. Only then can we have peace."

"The Teamsters will stand behind President Roosevelt in war, as we stood behind him in peace. We have a leader we can trust, and we will follow him wherever he leads."

Pioneered Teamster Press

Beck was a pioneer in the movement to develop a Teamster press. He established the Washington Teamster in Seattle three years ago, which is now publishing an eight-page weekly newspaper, heralded as one of the outstanding labor papers in the country.

He employs two editors in addition to a photographer and an artist. His editors cover the news in the eleven western states wherever it happens, and often make trips to Denver, Los Angeles and other cities to handle major news stories involving the Teamsters.

Need Publicity

"Never did the Teamsters need a capable press as much as they need it today," Beck said. "Instead of curtailing our program because of war, we are expanding it. When this war ends we will need our own mediums of publicity to withstand the attacks that will be made upon us, not only by employers but by racketeering unions. And while the war is on, we need our own press to see that enemies do not stab us in the back which we are fighting for America."

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FLASHES FROM FORT WAYNE LOCAL 414

By PAT HESS

Contracts are now being negotiated with the National Mill Supply Company, P. and H. Supply Company and the Mossman-Yarnelle Company. Over 125 men will be affected by the outcome. We have always had very happy relations with these supply houses and do not expect any trouble in getting an increase this time.

After lengthy negotiations, a new contract was secured for taxicab drivers. In addition to a six-cents-per-hour raise, the men will receive one week's vacation with pay. The agreement calls for a closed shop and guarantees full seniority rights. Fort Wayne taxi companies are 100 per cent union now.

The new twenty-six-million-dollar General Electric plant has just started construction and we have some eighty dump trucks on the job, which is 100 per cent union.

John Hampshire, assistant business agent for Local 414, is doing a fine job on the unorganized building supply companies. Sixteen of these men were obligated at our last regular meeting, and contracts are now being negotiated.

We are happy to report an increase in Bill Schnitker's family—a six-pound boy! The mother and son are getting along fine, but Bill has had an awful time for the past two weeks.

Doc Boyer has indicated that he will run for Mayor of Auburn if Keeshin will keep him on that peddler run.

Jim Johnson, Howard Sober Drive-away ace, wants to know what became of all the deer that those four super-hunters brought back from Maine?

Wonder what the four good members of 414 will do with the fish bait that the girls are going to get for them at the Creek Chub Bait Company in Garrett? The above is still a mystery. (Also to the editor, boys, so don't feel too badly.)

While the regular meeting of Local No. 414 is held the first Sunday of each month, some of the members' wives are still under the impression that the meeting is held twice each week.

The following members are now on the sick list: George Farrell, J. A. Grabner, J. H. Leonard and Harry McKinley. McKinley is confined to St. Joseph Hospital.

Many of Local 414's boys are in the nation's armed forces. We hope to publish their names here in the next issue. In uniform or not, we are all serving Uncle Sam in some capacity.

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Beck complimented the Indiana Teamster and the Indiana State Council for sponsoring it.

"It looks so good," he said, "that the first time I saw it I thought it was the Washington Teamster."

Indiana Teamsters Back Government

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men of all creeds, nationalities or crafts. We know what we are fighting for, and we won't give up," he said.

Elmer O. Briner, secretary-treasurer of Crothersville Local 694, stated that his membership would back the nation's war effort to glorious victory.

The above expressions are typical of Teamster sentiment throughout the country. Hoosier Teamsters will not only serve their country in the armed forces, but also in the very important job of hauling defense materials from coast to coast wherever needed.

BUT DEFENSE BONDS

Local 233 Signs Up 5 More Companies

INDIANAPOLIS.—Commission and Produce Employes Local 233 signed union shop contracts with five more commission houses this month, according to Paul Page, president of the local.

"I am glad to report that negotiations were peaceful throughout. Everyone acted in good faith," said Page.

Sixty men received pay raises ranging from 14 per cent to 80 per cent. Check-off and one week's vacation with pay were also included in the agreement.

The signing companies are J. L. Keach, Bruno Brothers, George Hitz, H. Glick and Gus Comella.

AFL IS AMERICAN!

N.Y. Teamsters Charter Union for Gas Haulers

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Michael J. Cashal, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced that the brotherhood had granted a charter for the organization of a gasoline drivers' union in this city. There are 6,000 gasoline drivers employed by the major gasoline companies here. Nearly 1,000 have already signed up with the union, Mr. Cashal said, adding that the new organization has won the support of the 70,000 unionized drivers in New York. The gasoline field is the only branch not yet fully organized by the teamsters.

BUT DEFENSE STAMPS

Big Vichy Labor Act Looks Very Italian

VICHY, France.—Enactment of the Vichy Labor Act regulating labor activities in unoccupied France has sounded the death-knell to the last remnants of the former free and democratic French trade union movement.

Now only government approved and supervised labor organizations are permitted to function, a procedure almost identical with the restrictions placed on labor in Fascist Italy.

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New Hattiesburg Local Formed for Teamsters

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Charter for the newly organized local union of Teamsters and Chauffeurs was installed here last week, with J. W. Cameron, A. F. of L. representative, officiating at the event. Truck drivers of this entire section are enrolled in the new local union.

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Three of our agents are subject to military service by virtue of the fact they have had military experience and are members of the Officers' Reserve Training Corps.

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Our Local has invested \$20,000.00 in Defense Bonds, a fact we are proud to announce.

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Fred Gilchrist Is Elected President Of E. Chicago Local

Fred Gilchrist, Walter Kubisz, William Lindsay and Steven Toti were nominated with no opposition to the posts of president, vice-president, recording secretary and secretary-treasurer, respectively, at a recent general membership meeting of East Chicago Local 520.

Other men nominated for office were: P. J. Johnson and Paul Mohler, for business agent; Robert Smith, Kalman Borsits, Sr., Walter Ujeski and Frank Potesak, for three-year trustee.

Election is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th. The tellers will be George Hrnjak, of Dr. Pepper Company; Frank Yager, of Justak & Sons, and J. E. Turner, of the Michigan Motor Freight Lines. Local 520's office girl, Marie Johnson, will also assist.

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TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE CAMPBELL

Business Agents Bert C. Snyder and Wellington Fleck, of Goshen and Elkhart, have signed up several new coal yards, and are getting almost as good a reputation as yours truly. Buck Snyder might soon be known as "Strike-a-Day" Snyder, as they used to dub me.

We have signed an agreement with Sears, Roebuck and Company here, covering both drivers and warehousemen. Substantial increases resulted for the men. Vacations with pay, seniority and all our other working condition standards are guaranteed by the contract.

The lumber and building material agreements have been negotiated for another year. A ten cent hourly increase was granted, with the proviso that if the cost of living advances within the next four months, another increase will automatically be forthcoming.

Garnitz Furniture Company renewed its contract and granted a wage increase for all employees. Negotiations are now in progress with Shidler's. We expect two more stores to sign within the next week or so, or before Christmas.

McCaffery Electric Company has granted wage increases ranging from five to fourteen cents an hour.

Business Agents Murrin and Keiter made a trip to Chicago this month, ostensibly in connection with a certain meat company here in our city. However, President Biggs and the rest of the staff believe that they were only stalling and what they really went for was to do some Christmas shopping. I hope they did not forget that I have been without an upper plate since my accident last summer.

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The task of hauling the world's largest relief map of the U. S. to the Boston Garden for its first showing was accomplished by four heavily-guarded motor trucks. The map is made up of 1,216 blocks and even shows the curve of the earth.

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